

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of **COLLIER ET AL.**) Group Art Unit: PCT  
Serial Number      09/830,388      )  
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## COMMUNICATION

VIA FACSIMILE (8 PAGES)  
(703) 305-3597Attention: Ms. Wanda Brown  
Legal Instruments Examiner

Dear Ms. Brown:

In furtherance of our telephone conversation earlier today, enclosed herewith please find six pages representing a mark-up version of the claims as amended in a preliminary amendment filed with the above-identified application. As mentioned to you, my file copy indicated that these pages were forwarded with the original application submission. In any event, since you indicated that these pages were not present in your file copy, these pages are presented to satisfy the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued in this case as paper number 6. The requisite change of the amendment date as set forth on that notice from the year 2002 to 2001 has been made by me on my copy.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Paper No. 6

## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on 8-10-02 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RESUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/docom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

- PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.
- AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION: Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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